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Jones Resigns Football Post Will Remain in Department

by Mike Denney

Don Jones resigned as Hamilton's head football coach last week after serving in the post for 28 of the past 30 seasons. Jones, who was not available for comment, will remain a Professor of Physical Education.

According to President J. Martin Carovano, Hamilton will hire another full-time faculty member for the football program. This was the first year in which two members of the Physical Education Department devoted their full time to football, and Carovano indicated that that policy will continue. Dean of the college W. Lawrence Gulick will be in charge of the search for a new coach.

Asked if Hamilton will attempt to upgrade its football program, which has not shown a winning season since the 1960s, Gulick said yes, but would not reveal any specific plans. "I want Hamilton College to be as good as it can be in everything it does," he said. "I fully expect that we will be able to strengthen the program," he added.

Athletic Director Gene Long said that Jones' resignation was "a happy decision of his own choosing. He firmly believes that he will teach with increased vigor, and he stil has other coaching responsibilities."

Early successes

Jones was an All-American halfback at Rutgers before taking the coaching job at hamilton in 1949. The Hamilton teams of the fifties and sixties were quite sucessful, in part due to Jones' innovative and daring offenses. His 1958 team finished with 6-0-1 mark and drew coverage from *Sports Illustrated*.

"I have great respect for his tenacity, especially with the changes in the last seven years," said Long. Hamilton's football fortunes dipped sharply in the seventies, beginning with a 2-4 record in 1970. Jones' 1971 team was 1-7, and the 1972 continentals recorded one win against six losses.

In 1973, Jones was asked to take a leave of absence by President

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Pub Tap Closes; Students Stay

The Pub was besieged last Tuesday night by 30-40 students who were protesting the conditions of the bar and the early closing hours, according to Dean of Student Affairs, R. Gordon Bingham. The group disbanded only after the dean appeared at approximately 2:00 a.m.

According to the dean, the students refused to obey the 1:00 a.m. closing hour. Efforts by the bartender and later a security guard would not empty the Pub. After closing, another keg was brought in fron an outside source. When the dean arrived, several students addressed him with complaints.

"In my opinion, no more than half of the students present were participating in the protest." These students, the dean added, "were very serious."

Bingham also added that none of these students had ever seen him or the Student Services Committee about their complaints.

Those students who Bingham could identify have been sent to the Judiciary board for not obeying "a legitimate request from the bartender and a security guard."

--Philip Ruppel

Hawley Truax Dead at 89

by Kathy Hecht

R. Hawley Truax '09, former chairman of the board of the *New Yorker* and co-founder of Hamilton's Honor Code, died last Friday of pneumonia. He was 89 years old.

While at Hamilton, Truax set a number of precedents. In addition to devising Hamilton's Honor Code along with fellow class member Alexander Woollcott (who was later to become a lifelong friend), Truax founded the Charlatans, a dramatic organization still active, and was the first Hamilton student to study abroad in his Junior year. Valedictorian of his class, he majored in philosophy, and was a member of Sigma Phi fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, and Pentagon.

As a director of the *New Yorker* for more than 45 years, Truax helped the publication through its early days, using both his astute business capabilities and his qualities as a poet and a philosopher to help insure the magazine's financial and literary success.

Still Working

Last year Truax was awarded an honorary degree from Hamilton but fell ill the day of commencement. At the time of his death he was translating Dante's "Vita Nuova" into Chaucerian English.

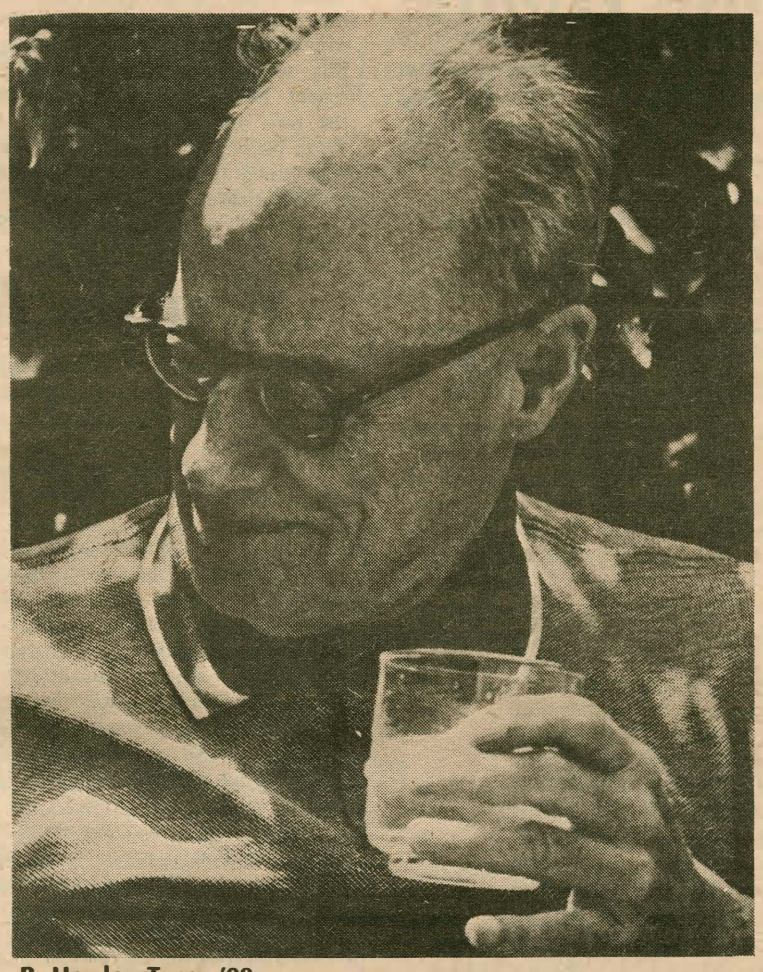
Truax's arrival on the Hill was preceded by his father's, Chauncey S., the donor of the Truax Hall of Philosophy. Thay building graced the northern end of the campus until it was replaced by the Burke Library. The columns from the portico can still be seen intact in the college cemetery. In addition, Chauncey Truax served on the board of trustees of Hamilton from 1899 unitl his death in 1906. Charles H. Truax, class of 1876, was Hawley's uncle.

A native of Cleveland, Truax attended the Cutter School in New York before enrolling at Hamilton. Right after graduation he went into the real estate and building business and at the same time studied at New York Law School, receiving his LLB in 1911. He also studied international law and philosophy at Columbia University, earning a masters degree there. He later continued with his studies at the Sorbonne and the Ecole de Droit in Paris. He spent the next thirty years in those fields, as well as working as a mangement consultant.

He took two years out to serve with the United States Ambulance Corps in France and Italy during World War I.

Many writers for the *New Yorker* were known for their more eccentric qualities, and Truax was no exception. Known for his impeccable manners, Truax would vie with *New Yorker* editor William Shawn for the privilege of following each other out the door. Brendon Gill, theater critic for the *New Yorker*, documented their escapades. "In the days when Schwn and Truax used to go out to lunch together, what a prolonged combat of courtesies they waged! The very act of leaving the office presented difficultues: which of them would consent to enter an elevator first? Moments went by, and so did elevators. Age has its bitter privileges, precedence among them; Truax, being many years older than Shawn, was obliged to make the first move. Having reached the lobby, who was to pass first through the revolving doors?"

Truax is survived by his wife, Althea Ross, who is the sister of the late Robert Barnes Rudd, a graduate of Hamilton and professor of English on the Hill for many years. He also leaves three grandchildren. His son, Rudd Hawley Truax, died in 1968.



R. Hawley Truax '09.

Board Meets Today

by Rick Arnold

Nine committee meetings have kept Hamilton College trustees busy throughout the afternoon, in the second assemblage of board members this year. The board will meet together tomorrow to hear reports on today's proceedings.

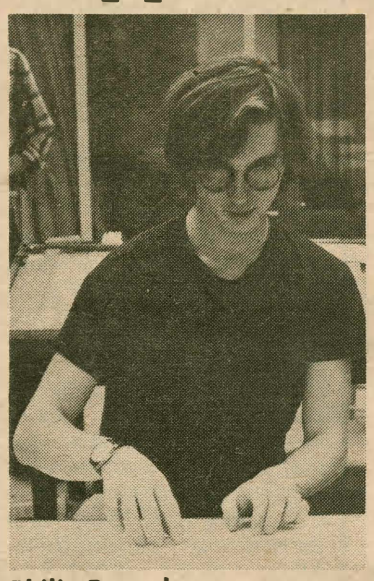
Of note is the landmark nature of this board. Six former Kirkland College trustees were elected to the Hamilton Board at its October meeting, thereby initiating what Chairman of the Board William Bristol termed "Hamilton's transition to a coeducational institution."

The trustees have been promised a fair share of niceties for this board meeting. Tours of the college's lands and building are being offered. Trustees also spent today's lunch hour dining with their preselected student hosts at the students' usual campus culinary corner. Perhaps most important, the trustees will be privileged to be able to test their ability afoot, after Clinton's inaugural snowfall earlier this week.

Otherwise, it's business as usual. One possible newsmaker may arise from the nomination committee meeting, where Student Assembly president Molly Murdoch is presenting an Assembly proposal providing for student membership on the Board. It is not known at this time whether the resolution will be accepted by the Board or will remain trapped in committee.

Rounding out committee activity: the instruction committee assembled to hear reports on personnel actions; the development committee met to review the progress on the Capital Campaign trail, as well as the 1978-79 alumni fund; the budget and finance committee met to review the updated version of the 1978-79 college budget; and the planning committee met to consider possible programs in improving Hamilton as a coeducational institution, according to Hamilton President J. Martin Carovano.

Ruppel Elected Editor



Philip Ruppel.

The Publications Board at its meeting Tuesday, elected Philip Ruppel '80 to serve as editor-in-chief of the Spectator next year, beginning February.

Robert Raemsch '81 was the other candidate for the position.

Currently Ruppel is the managing editor of the Spectator. He joined the production staff in the fall of 1977 and became arts assistant the following semester. Before his appointment to his present position in December 1978, Ruppel served as arts editor.

Ruppel has announced only one appointment to his staff so far. Douglas Chandler '80 will serve as managing editor.

Kathy Hecht, the current editor,will conclude her tenure on the paper with the publication of the January Magazine.

To Our Readers

This is our last issue of the semester. During the month of January we will publish our special large-format Magazine. Regular weekly publication of the Spectator will resume with the issue of February 9, 1979.

What Price Wins?

Don Jones' resignation as head football coach has left Hamilton with more than just a job to fill. It has left questions about the nature of the football program here and its future, the answers to which have been only hinted at by Dean Gulick. Gulick told the Spectator that the program will be strengthened, though he wold not reveal how.

Hamilton's NESCAC partners, schools like Middlebury and Williams, have shown a willingness to augment their football programs and still apparently remain within NESCAC regulations. It is not our duty to question their adherence to the spirit of those rules. We would, however, question Hamilton's. Sports at Hamilton has never been a thing in itself, and should not be allowed to become one.

Vice-President Joseph Anderson's statement in 1974, that "It makes me sick to see Hamilton lose," seems to reflect a common opinion. No one likes to see a team lose. But we must ask ourselves what steps we are willing to take to make sure that we see that team win. There is certainly more to athletic competition than winning, and the recent vote by the NESCAC presidents seems to reaffirm that.

We hope that the Dean, and any others involved with the football program will walk cautiously along the tightrope Hamilton is on. It might be a good thing to see a somewhat more competitive football team, but only if we go just that far. If too much emphasis is placed on success, Hamilton could easily repeat the mistakes that Union made in developing its hockey program.

It would be unfair to hold Don Jones to blame for the recent failures of the football team. He did what he cold with the limitations that he had, and produced several fine football teams. Hamilton si iply did not keep pace with its neighbors in recent years. With a new coach on the way, Hamilton is willing to change that. What remains to be seen is by how much.

Drama on Skis

While reading the minutes of last week's Assembly meeting, we came across several curious items. By a voice vote, the group passed a motion strongly recommending "that chartered organizations do not have to pay the Publications Board for advertisements." Just think of it—a whole paper full of nothing but free ads. Also, according to the minutes, that august body apparently entered into a rather lengthy discussion on the relative merits of the ski club versus the Charlatans and their needs for funds.

We suggest that the Assembly find more sensible and worthy topics on which to spend their time. Funding organizations is a tedious and necessary process, and it is to the Assembly's credit that it does such a thorough job with it. However, we have yet to see many other worthy endeavors to come out of that organization, and in a year in which so many other changes have taken place or have the potential to take place, we frankly wonder what the Assembly has been up to all semester.

Two Good Men

In a community as small as ours, every loss hits hard. This week two men, who in their own ways were dedicated to Hamilton and their work, passed away. Hawley Truax, a versatile man who excelled in business and poetry, spent his years building up a magazine into a highly respected publication. Frank Jipson attacked his job as groundskeeper with the same fervor and dedication, and gained the respect of all who knew him. Both men will be sorely missed.

Xerox Come Home

Early last night (sometime before midnight), we attempted to photocopy some items. Much to our surpirse, we discovered that the Xerox machine in Burke, now hidden in a back room, had been availabvle for student use only between the hours of 1 and 10 p.m. Over in Kirner-Johnson, the Xerox machine had vanished.

We don't know the reasons for these actions. In fact, we've had trouble coming up with any good guesses. We do know that it is very inconvenient, and we guess that other students are as puzzled as we are.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notes From Washington

TO THE EDITOR:

After having escaped the rampant Hamilton Pre-Everything mentality, I find myself here in D.C. surrounded by young pre-bureaucrat types. Briefcases, three-piece suits and Totes umbrellas transform the beer drinking hell raiser into the suave, professional wo/man about town.

There is an overwhelming aura of impersonality here--phones are answered with a, "Hello, this is just another faceless cog in the dehumanizing governmental bureaucracy." As a result there is a great deal of interest in the human potential movement. My feelings on this issue are twofold: 1) Is it really worth the investment (time and money--finding yourself is only for rich folks) to find out that really, deep down inside, you're nothing but a schmuck, and 2) How can you *ever* trust anything developed in Northern California?

The paper strike didn't affect us down here but the paper paucity is worse than a newspaperless New York. All there is to read is the Washington Post which includes a minimum of two articles a day on the Redskins. I now know more of Jack Pardee's homelife than I did of the Louds'. Expatriate New Yorkers satisfy themselves with Not The New York Times and racing to catch the few copies in the corner Times dispensers.

I spent six weeks working on Capitol Hill. Found lots of power, desire for power, sexual favors for power, and closed doors with power behind them. I feel there's great potential for a T.V. show there.

Learning many valuable skills in this town. Primary among these is how to bluff your way through cocktail-buffet receptions for various interest groups. The all-purpose line is, "Dammit, if those fools on the Hill (catchy, eh) don't help the *(fill in)* industry, this country is in trouble, big trouble." Invariably it is those groups which represent the poorest sectors who throw the best parties. Got to take your mind off the 'po' folks somehow.

Halloween trick or treating on Embassy Row showed which countries really rate in the social world. Israel, Egypt, Russia and Iran were all noticeably closed but the Red Chinese provided dim sum, some form of oriental firewater, postcards and lots of bowing smiling hosts.

There is much talk among students about life in the Real World. Most of us feel that our fling at living is different/better/more realistic/more exciting/more frightening than Hamilton but you'll find unanimous agreement that 80 degrees in the end of November beats cold-wet in Clinton for at least one semester in our college career.

JONATHAN GARTNER '80

(The author is a member of the Hamilton Semester in Washington Program and is proud to hate both grits and the Redskins.)

Academic Image

TO THE EDITOR:

Hamilton students should praise and congratulate Hamilton's academic council for the amazing wisdom that they continue to display. The council realizes that refusing to grant credit for perfectly legitimate, well planned winter term independent study projects is necessary to maintain their tough, conservative image. Imagine, some students are foolish enough to believe that the pursuit of their own scholarly interests is more important than maintaining the council's reputation. We know which is more important.

Think of all that the academic council has done for us this winter term. At last they have seen fit to give us an adequate number of courses to choose from. Unfortunately, if this winter term is like the last three years' winter studies, then most of the courses will be poor quality immitations of full semester courses. But who cares? The council has insured that all of the courses have scholarly titles and course descriptions. Once again, the council realizes that appearance is more important than content.

Aren't we privileged to attend an institution whose academic governing body always works for the students' "best interest." After all, that is why we came to Hamilton.

HAROLD WELCH '79
RICK KIENLE '80

Sign Here

TO THE EDITOR:

Downtown Clinton is quaint and charming and new features in the town are always acceptable since they are tastefully added. One exception has appeared in at least three spots on College Hill Road. I recently spotted new green signs depicting the silhouette of a graduate with "Hamilton" printed boldly beneath it. I understand the necessity of directional signs to the College but these are almost hideous. Certainly a smaller sign with "Hamilton College" on it would have been sufficient. For those of us who recall the furor over the new buff and blue signs, this seems like an unfortunate repeat. Between the new signs and the new atmosphere I feel as if we're becoming S.U.N.Y. at Clinton! Let's try to be a bit more tasteful please.

KAREN KRUGER '79

Unsociable Horde

TO THE EDITOR,

Tuesday night, a whole horde (herd?) of Dunham's wildebeasts descended on the passive residency of South. While trying not to admit that it was the most fun that I have had since the Halloween-House Party foodfight and parties, I was also appalled by these Hamilton newcomers' lack of respect! It was bad enough that they broke a window, threw snowballs at a unsportsmanlike speed of light, and picked on innocent (and I must add sadomasochistic) dogs, but they actually had the nerve to, of all things, ignore the ever-so-reverant tradition of the annual Dunham-D.U. snowball battle. I realize that pressures from term papers and upcoming tests can lead anyone to do some mighty regretable actions, but I think they went a little too far this time, for what is Hamilton without tradition?! That any group of Hamilton freshpeople could be so disrespectful to common rules of social behavior is absolutely outrageous.

DOUGLAS LYLE BURGESS '79

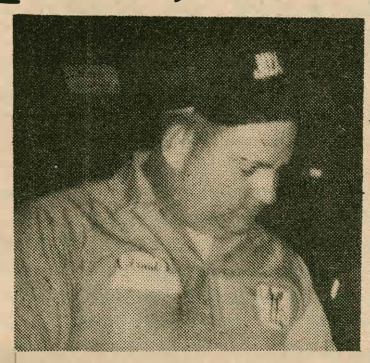
ARAnt

TO THE EDITOR:

As a follow-up to the Spectator's article last week entitled "A.R.A. Director Comes to Defence of Food Service," I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully submit the following item to Ralph Lembo and the student body at large. Mexico City (UPI)--"Julieta Ramos Eldordoy Blazquez de Conconi, an investigator at the Autonomous University of Mexico, said that an ant sandwich is better for you than a hamburger because of the ant's high protein and mineral content. Ants are an ideal food source because they are easily reproduced and processed, she said." I hope that Ralph will look into this astonishing scientific suggestion, and consider the numerous possibilities that could be implemented using this versatile insect. Antipasto anyone?

ERIC ROSEDALE '80

Frank Jipson, Jr.



Frank Jipson Jr., assistant director of grounds at Hamilton, died at his home Tuesday after a brief illness.

A native and life-long resident of Oriskany Falls, Jipson was 45 years old.

Well liked by his associates and well known around the campus, the groundskeeper could often be seen supervising jobs all over College Hill. Among his tasks were supervising set-ups for athletic and other special events, overseeing physical plant work crews as well as outside contractors, and drawing up schedules of grounds work.

Jipson first joined the physical plant staff as a member of the grounds crew. He worked his way up to foreman, and then was appointed to the level of junior staff. Last February he was promoted to the administrative position that he held at the time of his death.

Jipson served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion for 23 years. He is a past commander of the Kelly Phillips Post. He leaves his wife, the former Joanne Tallman of Oriskany Falls, three sons, three daughters, one granddaughter, and two brothers. Funeral services were held today.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Spectator has an opening next semester for photography editor. Interested shutterbugs should contact either Lisa Cremin or Philip Ruppel.

JANUARY MAGAZINE

Students who plan to be on campus during January and are interested in writing, production or photography for the winter Magazine should contact Kathy Hecht before the end of this semester.

IDEAS ANYONE?

The Alumni Council of Hamilton College is seeking ideas from students as to how they can better serve the community. Suggestions should be sent to Jerry Ryan, chairman of the New Areas Committee of the Alumni Council, c/o The Spectator.

Still Green — Richard Lee

Stalemate

They had played for a considerable time and the board was nearly cleared. Each had moved with urgency throughout the game, waiting and hoping for the other's vulnerability to show itself; each wanted the game to end quickly yet neither was willing to move in too offensive a manner.

Meeting was the beginning—what could be easier or more natural? Both were attractive enough, neither inexperienced in affairs of the heart. More importantly, they were ready for someone new. Maybe that's why they found expending the necessary energy to show mutual interest easy. After all, just being a bit extroverted, an interesting person to talk with, or having a genial and becoming demeanor doesn't suggest that the energy needed to drive those qualities is readily summoned. For some reason,though, in this case, the effort was made.

At first, the game developed at a good pace. With all those men on the table protecting the kings, moves were made without too much advance thinking. Why, there was simply too much that could happen with all those variables on the board! A few pieces were expendible in the early going; plenty of time was left to draw up a good defense if the occasion demanded one. Who was thinking about defense, anyway?

They talked about themselves on a superficial level—schools, jobs and how they got there. Lots of light, harmless chatter was fun. They had talked about it all before, to others, and felt no hesitation to repeat it, even if every now and then the monotony of repitition allowed the undercurrents of values or plans to surface.

With a few pawns out of the way there was more room to move around. The players started thinking ahead, designing more intricate strategies for penetration of the other's defense. Nearly all the valuable, mobile pieces remained in each army; the two had merely to learn how the other would move in a given situation. They watched for a while, cautious for a few rounds, then began to move, testing real knowledge of the game.

The rehearsed niceties done with, they truly started to enjoy each other's company. Coming to know someone is a wonderful state to experience—especially when yet unexposed traits please and surprise. They traded pleasures and surprises. They talked and walked in a different way now, both having enough faith in the foundation laid to build with assurance. Alternately using each other as and acting as emotional and intellectual backboards, they learned much, together, about themselves and each other in the two roles, the roles of shooter and backboard.

Within the framework of the game, of course, is the ultimate objective: capture the opponent's king. But goals are not achieved in single bounds; often, the players found themselves immersed in the waters of secondary ends. There were still too many powerful pieces around to make a direct attack on the king. These involvements made the game longer, certainly, but more exciting, too. What better match could there be than one between two who anticipated their opponent's moves? Minor goals were won on both sides and with each small gain the ultimate objective moved to a more conscious level in the players' plans.

Involvement grew, inevitably. No one knew either better than the other; they seemed to know all about each other. They both claimed to retain their separate individuality without denying their dependence. Everything was perfect, they were content. Throughout their time together they had acted and reacted to one another favorably; the actions and reactions weren't always identical but were always complementary. They had allowed themselves to develop quickly, eager to come together. Eventually, their tempestuous start slowed and they were happy to drift in a softer breeze for awhile. But after that while, one wanted too much, one was too anxious. That one was in an enviable position, too. Who would not appreciate the depth of trust, healthy dependence and satisfying companionship that the other offered? Everything asked for had been given, willingly; everything offered had been taken, fulfillingly. Yet, one wanted more, stupidly, when there was no more being offered. They separated.

The entire game had been thoroughly invigorating, the players had been engrossed as never before in the intricacies of the different pieces' capabilities. They had played with more skill and in a more rewarding manner than ever before. Now the game was at its end, three pieces remained: the black and white kings and a white bishop. The enrapturing sequence of play that culminated in the board's present state had passed. The black king was in a corner and couldn't move to the side without moving into the range of the white bishop, without moving into check. The white king was on the third square directly in front of the sole black piece, along the side of the board. It was white's move. In tragic contrast to the ability played with earlier, an anxious blunder was made. The white king moved one square towards the black king. Stalemate.

Dusty Windows — Jan Sidebotham

Uneasy

There is a vague depression that afflicts everyone at one point or another during the year, month or day. It's a kind of inexplicable uneasiness or longing. You don't know what's wrong, there's no reason why you should feel bad, but there it is anyway...that blue feeling.

Most of the time we establish little goals, which if achieved, are supposed to make everything better. There's always some obstacle to hurdle, or some event to look forward to, or someone's company to hope for. And so we make our jumps, go to our parties and arrange encounters with people we like. The time goes by. If we're lucky, we've been satisfied for the moment. But it can only be a moment. Then the satisfaction vanished, the vague gloom comes back and new comforts are sought. The cycle is repeated and repeated and repeated...One's life becomes a series of discontented moments and temporary compensations.

There are always a million things out there that I'm sure will make me happy--an A from one teacher, a good room lottery number, more money, a white knight on his charger, etc. Even if I did get all the little treats I wanted, they would probably mean nothing to me once I'd had them for a while. The happy feeling comes-- and goes. The longing and fulfillment usually have nothing to do with the given object. Good grades, money, even another's respect/love don't make us lastingly happy.

The question may be asked: "What do you want?" At any moment we could reel off a myriad of answers to that question. Right now I would say I want to not have a cold, I want to not have papers to do and books to read, I want to be skinny and I want a lot of other things, some of which can't be mentioned. Irrational though it may be, something in me believes that I really would be happy if Santa Claus gave me everything that's on my list. If he doesn't, if even one request is denied, then at least I'll have an excuse for being miserable. Usually our conditions for happiness are so unrealistic that they won't be granted, and so we can go along our way with frown and furrowed brow. But suppose all the wishes were fulfilled...it's a little scary to think about...according to the rules your part would be to get glad.

Do you know what you want? Would you really be happy if you got it?

These four years at college are crossroads. They're not the only crossroads. There are other times in life when you make decisions as important as any made here; however, this is the expected time of decision-making. Supposedly, at college, you make important choices which determine your future. I happen to believe that college is not the only moment of truth, but since it is often looked at that way, let's pretend it is. (As far as I'm concerned, we're always in a moment of truth anyway, so we might as well choose to examine this particular moment.) At some point you have to realize that you're deciding what matters. What does matter? What do you want? Do you want money, love, fame? If those are the things you're working towards, and for, know, at least, that those are the things your behavior says you want. So much of the time we say and think we want one thing without the awareness that we are doing things that prove we want something quite different. We may say we want to learn, yet our refusal to read a book more than once, to stop and look up a word in the dictionary, proclaims that that's not at all what we want. What we may really want is to do the minimum of work for a good grade. Or we may think we want a good grade when all we want is someone's approval, which could come in another form. We may say we want love when all we really want is company. Or we may say we want company when we really want love.

Some of the choices made at college produce consequences that can be altered. You can major in Geology and become a musician ten years from now nevertheless. But that's a minor choice really. When you think of it, a major or a concentration is fairly insignificant in terms of establishing who you are. It's the bigger choices I'm talking about. College can be "the moment of truth." The moment for choosing is now and always. What do you care about? It's not the kind of question you should put off because theoretically it's the question that affects other choices. If you don't know what matters to you to begin with, how can you make an intelligent choice about anything? And whatever it is that matters to you, once gotten do you expect it to make everything all right, can it make everything all right?

Maybe the very vagueness of that incomprehensible uncomfortable feeling should suggest that we don't know ourselves very well. We haven't defined our goals and we haven't examined them. We're plowing full steam ahead in thick fog. No wonder life seems hard -- even at a country club like Hamilton.

For Clod's Sake — Brad Coryell

Oh, What A Ni

You may have heard of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. He used to write poetry in his dreams. Well, I've been dreaming again. And this time, since it's the holiday season, I've been dreaming of Christmas, well, sort of....

Twas a month before Christmas,
And all 'cross the Pole,
Not a creature was stirring,
Not one of the trolls.
Unable to earn all the money they liked,
The unionized elves had gone out on strike.
"He's a capitalistic, communist pinko,
That queer, lazy fatman we all call St. Nick-O!
He beats us and starves us, and we're underclothed;
That fat, miserely bastard deserves to be loathed.
No pension, no sick pay, no Christmas time-off, why
The mangiest reindeer lives much better off. I
Swear by the great glow of Rudolph's sacred red nose,
'Til the North Pole's Miami, and Miami's froze,
We'll picket and protest, we'll all rise and revolt;
We won't screw any screws and won't tighten one bolt,
Won't stuff cute toy foxes, or cram Jacks in boxes,
won't knit and won't sew, neither shirts, smocks, or socks-es!
No, not one little doll of that big 'ssembly line,
Until we get better pay for our time."
So swore the head elf shaking his fist,
And wiggling his ears, so off was he pissed,
While others reflected his thoughts with their glowers,
And marched holding huge signs, proclaiming, "ELF POWER."
But Santa was adamant—he'd never give in;'
The elves, they were furious—he'd pay for his sins.
And the crisis grew worse and even compounded,
When the great Christmas sled was seized and impounded
By some reindeer guerillas. Said Dancer, their leader,
"We're tired of hauling that big, fat, old geezer,
A sprightly young lovely, methinks would be meeter.
An' the ole boy's been hitting the bottle again;
Why the way he drives, he should get 5 to 10."
"Yeah," added Blitzen, "I'm amazed we're alive,
And just answer me this, how come he gets to drive?
He rides in the back yelling HO! HO! HO! HO!
And yet all we ever hear is GO! GO! GO! GO!
This year that fat ton of lard can carry himself,
Before I move a hoof, I'll kiss a smelly old elf."
The whole thing was hopeless, or so it appeared,
And ever more critical as Christmas drew near.
Twasn't until an international messenger,
(The late and great man of state, Henry Kissinger)
Arrived with his aide, famous Theodore Keel,
That all sides could at last all agree on a deal.
Now all are contented and their labors begin,
And the North Pole resounds with a magical din,
As flying elf fingers outfly Time with their flight,
Compressing each day days of work into one night.
See the mountains of toys! See the myriad gifts!
See the elves 'round the clock, working in shifts.
See the candy and presents! See the glitt'ring trees,
See how each sparkles with more tinsel than leaves.
Now the great day has come; now the work is all done,
And Santa's red sled glows in the evening's red sun.
The reindeer are harnessed, the moment arrives.
The sled surges forward, then takes to the skies.
Toward Europe the winged deer first guide the sleigh,
Then to Asia and Africa, the crew find their way.
Last 'cross the cold ocean, to America's shores,
Where the weather turns foggy, as the hour nears four.
The *brume* grows e'er thicker—even Rudolph's bright nose
Cannot cut the darkness, to show where the sleigh goes.
At last the thick blackness extinguishes all light,
Losing sleigh, deer, and driver in impenetrable night.
Twas over our Clinton that a low rumbling sound
First startled the reindeer, then made Santa frown.
Like far distant thunder, at first it but grumbled,
But kept getting stronger, 'til the air was all jumbled
With a growling and yowling and howling of wind,
That sounded for all the world like the world's end.
Then out of the mists of that inky black heaven,
Came the towering mass of a seven-four-seven.
The collision occurred as a great flash of light
A fantastical, terrible, breath-taking sight!
Reindeer bounced off reindeer; Santa flew through the air;
The gifts all exploded, like little colorful flares.
Said the pilot much later, "I'd like to explain,
I was minding my business, just flying my plane,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh with eight tiny reindeer.
And the guy that was driving you wouldn't believe,
Dressed up like a looney from his socks to his sleeves.
Well, I shut down the engines in less than a flash,
Still that looney kept coming...we hit with a CRASH!
But I heard him exclaim, as he fell out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

Grade Inflation Suffers Recession

by Douglas Sgarro

Grade inflation has reached a plateau at Hamilton College, according to Associate Dean James Traer. In fact, a recent grade distribution survey compiled by James W. Carignan, dean of Bates College, indicates that inflationary grading is in a state of decline.

In the school year 1975-76, 31.7% of all Hamilton students recieved a grade in the "A" range, as compared with 24.3% in 1976-77 and 25% in 1977-78. On the other hand, only 21.4% of all students received a grade of "C" or lower during the 1975-76 school year, as compared to 17.7 percent in 1976-77 and 26 percent in 1977-78.

According to Traer, the faculty had expressed a concern that "too many good grades were being handed out, thereby reducing the value of good grades." However, he noted, there has been no conscious effort by the faculty to lower grades.

Citing the Carignan survey, Traer noted that Hamilton has been more conservative than Amherst, Pomona, Denison and Union colleges and "on a level with" Haverford and Bowdoin. Hamilton grading procedures, he stated, are generally not at variance with comparable institutions.

Throughout the early 1970's, Hamilton subscribed to a non-inflationary philosophy. As a result, noted Traer, many students were hurt when applying to graduate schools. "At that particular time," said Traer, "we did not give a rank in class. Professional schools were not very efficient in their evaluation of grading. As a result, they were not impressed with an 85 student. Though graduate schools have always been aware of Hamilton's fine reputation, they percieved the 85 student as having a mediocre rank in class when in fact he did not. His low grades were attributable to demanding grading procedures."

Fortunately, such a problem no longer exists. In the mid-1970's, grades began to escalate and graduate schools improved their evaluation proceduures. "Today's graduate schools have better kinds of comparative data," said Traer, "including an index compiled by the LSDAS which serves to rank the applicant within the entire pool."

Traer also noted that Hamilton makes an effort to inform graduate schools of the quality and demands of the College. He stated that Hamilton possesses a fine reputation comparable to those of "peer schools" such as Williams, Bowdoin, Trinity and Union.

COLLEGES	YEAR	A	B	C	D	F
AMHERST	1976-7	32.8	52.5	10.5	1.3	1.3
	1975-6	34.3	51.	10.4	1.4	1.5
	1974-5	32.7	54.4	10.5	1.2	1.3
	1973-4	31.3	53.9	19.9	1.7	1.3
BATES	1976-7	23.	44.	24.	4.5	1.5
	1975-6	22.	44.	25.	5.	1.
	1974-5	22.	45.	25.	5.	1.
	1973-4	20.5	44.	27.	4.5	1.3
BOWDOIN	1976-7	25.1 High Honor;			43.6 Honor	
	1975-5	25.3 High Honor;			44.4 Honor	
		23.2 High Honor;			NA	
	1973-4	Not Available				
HAMILTON	1977-8	25	49	30	4	2
	1976-7	24.3	47.7	21.1	5.1	1.5
	1975-6	31.7	46.7	16.6	3.3	1.5
	1974-5	25.9	45.6	18.7	4.2	1.5
	1973-4	23.6	45.	23.1	5.7	1.7
HAVERFORD	1976-7	26.1	13.7	1.5	0.4	1.4
	1975-6	18.4	58.6	9.6	1.9	1.5
	1974-5	30.7	58.3	7.8	1.5	1.7
	1973-4	32.2	54.5	9.1	1.8	2.4
TRINITY	1976-7	28.2	42.7	12.3	2.	0.7
	1975-6	29.6	41.6	12.3	2.	0.9
	1974-5	28.5	43.1	12.8	1.9	0.8
	1973-4	Not Available				
UNION	1976-7	31.	41.	22.	5.	2.
	1975-6	32.5	40.7	20.5	4.7	1.6
	1974-5	31.1	40.8	21.6	4.7	1.6
	1973-4	29.4	41.3	22.3	5.	1.7

BLSU Bridges Cultural Gap

by K.C. Ruiz

Eleven years ago, an organization was formed exclusively for the blacks, Latins and members of the college community who are of a minority and wish to be identified as such. Today, the Black and Latin Student Union is still alive and thriving.

"Our main purpose," said Phyllis Holmes '80, "is to provide a place for the students where they can come, talk, and feel relaxed in an atmosphere of people who are in the same boat as they. And also, our purpose is to make the campus more aware of black and latin culture."

The BLSU was founded in 1967 by author Alex Haley who felt the need for blacks to get together, to unite. It was during the sixties that Haley was a lecturer at Hamilton. It was also during this time that he was starting his research for *Roots*. In fact, a *BLSU* student was of great help to him because he was from his native town.

When asked if she thought the union is a necessary entity of the college community, Holmes replied, "I think the BLSU is very much necessary because you have approximately 1600 students with approximately 43-50 of them black, Latin, or American Indian and it's very hard to come into a new environment where indeed you are a minority as in the world or any big city. A campus such as this needs a place where a minority person can go and relate to something that's of his culture, his identity and at the same time be able to socialize with the college community in general and still maintain his own identity. In dealing with people, one has to be aware of who he is. If you don't know or understand who you are, how can you begin to socialize, know, or understand anyone else?"

Omar Reid '80 noted, "The BLSU is good because it tries to get a lot of blacks together. Some of the blacks however are not interested in the union because there is no 'black solidarity.' All the blacks on campus are not together. It may be due to the small amount of blacks and the type of blacks on campus; they are not the militant type. They are the intellectual blacks. The BLSU would be more useful if conditions were like in the 60's". When asked if he felt the union was a necessary entity, he replied, "I guess it is since there are only a few blacks up here and they are integrated socially in this predominantly white institution. It is important to me but again it seems to me that black unity is dying."

The BLSU is virtually unknown to most of the campus. Even though its meeting house is right next to the admissions house, many people don't realize that it exists. Holmes, who resides in the house, had one important thing to stress: The house is the ALCC (Afro-Latin Cultural Center); its members are the BLSU (membership into the BLSU is ipso-facto). The ALCC is open to the college community. It is not a "black" house. There is a library inside which is open from 1-5 p.m. five days a week. The library houses black literary works that are available to the campus on a regular library system. There are statuettes, artwork, pictures, photographs on display for people to come in and enjoy. The BLSU invites the community to take advantage of the house and to come in and look around, even study inside.

As a service to the campus and the area, the union sponsors dances, beer and bands, has an outreach program, a pre-freshman program, and a cultural week, sometime in the spring, which includes many different aspects of black and Latin cultures. "There are art exhibitions, African dances, gospel singing, and this school year, there will be booths displaying each type of culture that we have in the union. There will be films showing how blacks have been depicted in films. There will be poetry readings from famous poets as well as members who write and we hope we'll have a dramatic piece. And all these things are for the community," Holmes stated.

Rip-offs Go Steady

by Jon Mack

Although not a major problem on a rural campus, thefts can still be costly and aggravating to individual students.

The only pattern of thefts this year occured when four tape decks were stolen in the span of about one week in October. The problem arose, predictably, when people left their car doors unlocked.

Similarly, more sporadic thefts have occured this year when people have left their room doors open. Stereos are the most commonly pilfered items, although there have been fewer reports of missing stereos this semester than in previous years. However, object-ranging from hammocks to bottles of bourbon have been stolen recently when students left their room doors open for just a matter of minutes.

Vanishing Parkas

One persistent problem, which will rise as thermometers drop, is the theft of down parkas and vests. Problems have arisen when students have left their parkas in piles at parties. Parkas are one of the items most apt to be stolen, and students should be especially careful when leaving them unattended.

Only one bicycle has been stolen this semester, and that was eventually found. This problem can be and at times has been worse. Dean Bingham commented, "Sometimes it seems that someone comes up with a truck, cuts the chains and takes off with most of the bikes on campus."

New Act Lends $ Help

by David Schindler

The Middle Income Student Assistance Act, recently signed by President Carter, is dramatically helping Hamilton students, according to Director of Financial Aid Kenneth Kogut.

The total financial aid given to Hamilton students, estimated to be over two million dollars by Kogut, is starting to increase sharply because of the act.

The portion of the act which changed the Guaranteed Student Loan Program earlier this month has already made the supply of aid grow and removed the income ceiling on the federal interest subsidy.

When the ceiling was enforced, a student whose family earned $25,000 or less in a year would receive a loan that would not require the student to repay interest until after graduation. The student from a family with an income over $25,000 would begin to pay the interest before graduation unless his family demonstrated financial need.

Since the ceiling no longer exists, students from families with incomes of $25,000 or more who applied for guaranteed student loans this month, and those who will apply in the future, will receive more aid than students who applied before the Middle Income Student Assistance Act was enforced. If students' family incomes are over $25,000, they now do not have to start paying interest until after graduation even if they do not demonstrate financial need.

The Middle Income Student Assistance Act will have a much stronger impact next year than presently, according to the November 6 edition of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Newsletter. The newsletter says that the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (BEOG) will be expanded. A "typical family" of four with an annual income of $26,000, one child in college, and one employed parent will get a grant of $200 in the 1979-80 academic year.

According to Kogut, the Middle Income Student Assistance Act will cause some technical problems next year. "The headaches will not be the students'," he said. "They will be ours." The financial aid office will receive a relatively large number of BEOG applications, because many more students will be eligible for the program.

Kogut said the act has not created any other problems and "it has to benefit students."

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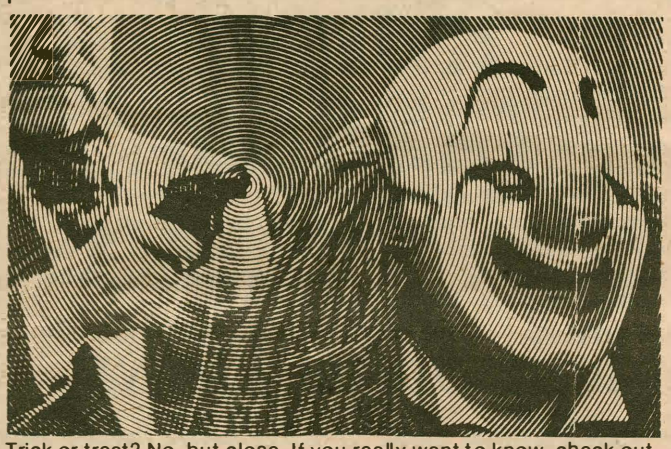
EVENTS

Movies

Friday (December 1)
Delta Phi presents: *The Heretic*, starring Linda Blair and Richard Burton, 8 & 10 p.m. in Chem. Aud.
S. Kirkland Film Society: Burt Lancaster and Paul Scofield in John Frankenheimer's *The Train*, plus Bugs Bunny cartoons, 8 & 10 p.m. in Science Aud.
Saturday (December 2)
Delta Phi presents: *The Heretic*, starring Linda Blair and Richard Burton, 8 & 10 p.m. in Chem. Aud.
S. Kirkland Film Society: Burt Lancaster and Paul Scofield in John Frankenheimer's *The Train*, plus Bugs Bunny cartoons, 8 & 10 p.m. in Science Aud.
Coop Film Society: Laurence Oliver and Micheal Caine in *Sleuth*, 8 & 10 p.m. in K-J Aud.
Sunday (December 3)
Women's Film Society: *Juliet of the Spirits* directed by Fellini, 8 & 10 p.m. in K-J Aud, admission $1.
Monday (December 4)
Women's Film Society: *Juliet of the Spirits* directed by Fellini, 10 p.m. in K-J Aud., admission $1.
Tuesday (December 5)
Psychology Film: *Behavior Modification: Teaching Language to Children*, 7:45 p.m. in K-J Aud.
Thursday (December 7)
S. Kirkland Film Society: Special Reading Period Double Feature. The Marx Brothers in *Horse Feathers* and Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, and Peter Sellers in *The Wrong Box*, 10 p.m. in K-J Aud.
Coop Film Society: *Dinner at Eight*, 10 p.m. in K-J Aud.
Friday (December 8)
S. Kirkland Film Society: Special Reading Period Double Feature. The Marx Brothers in *Horse Feathers* and Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, and Peter Sellers in *The Wrong Box*, 8 p.m. in K-J Aud.



Trick or treat? No, but close. If you really want to know, check out Events. (Hint: you have to be a sleuth to figure this one out.)

Art Exhibitions

Sunday (December 3)
Opening and Reception: "Crafts and Photography". Donna Nicholas, Professor of Ceramics, Edinboro State College. Illustrated lecture at 8 P.m. in root Art Center.

Karen Kruger will present her Senior Project in Dance this Friday and Saturday at 8:00 in List Dance Studio. The show will include some traditional ballet variations as well as a major :e choreographed by Karen.

Kate Faison

Theater

Saturday (December 2)
Play: *Johan, Johan* - Medieval France, 8 p.m. in McEwen Lobby.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday (December 7-9)
Theater Production: *I Can Eat This: A New Comedy*, 8:30 in List Recital Hall.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday (December 8-10)
Senior Projects: "The Next Thing" and "The Holy Ghostly", directed by Mel Sutherland and John Moon, 8:30 p.m. in Minor Theater.

Dance

Friday and Saturday (December 1 & 2)
Senior Project Performance in Dance by Karen Kruger, 8 p.m. in List Dance Studio.
Friday (December 8)
Performance of Visiting Dancers: members from the Bolshoi and Stanislavski Ballet Companies will appear at 8:30 in the Clinton Junior High School Aud.

Fourteen dancers from the Bolshoi and Stanislavski ballet companies of the U.S.S.R. will present a special performance at the Clinton High School Friday, December 8.

Their appearance here is part of a small tour of Northeastern schools which will culminate with a special tribute in New York City to the singer Paul Robeson, an American who went to live in the Soviet Union.

The program, which has been coordinated by Hamilton's dance and theater department and the Clinton schools, will consist of a number of devertissements and short excerpts from longer works. Seven dancers from each troop will perform the numbers, accompanied by vocalists and musicians.

Tickets are available at the Bristol Campus Center.

Entertainment

Friday (December 1)
Interdormitory Council presents: A college week party with "Bermuda Strollers," 9 p.m. in Alumni Gym.
Friday (December 8)
First Annual International Candlelight Festival, 8:30 in McEwen Dining Hall.

Meetings and Lectures

Monday (December 4)
Third World Society Open Meeting, 8 p.m. in K-J Room 107.
Faculty Lecture: "Problem Solving: Is it an Art or a Science?"by Alan Schoenfeld, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; 8:30 p.m. Science Aud.
Tuesday (December 5)
Peace Corps Informational/Recruitment, 4 p.m. in Bristol Campus Center Senate Room.
Thursday (December 7)
Women's Center Open Meeting, 6 p.m., McEwen first floor lobby.

Pots and Pictures

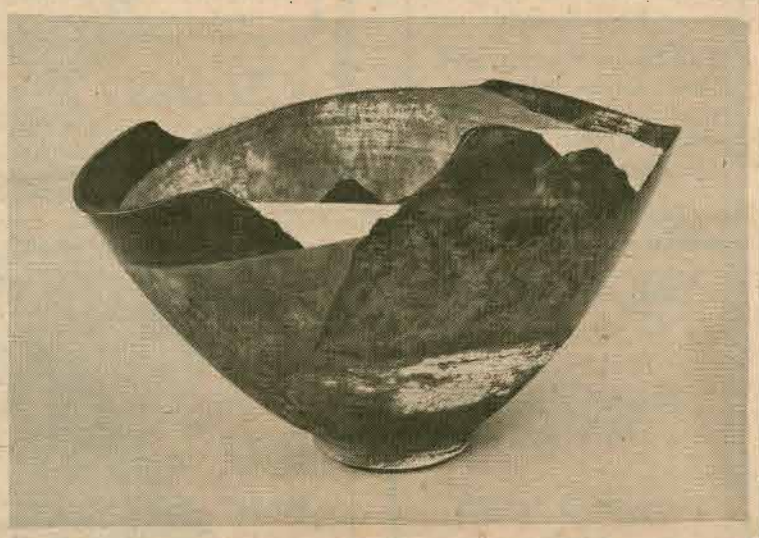
On Sunday, December 3 at 8:00 p.m. the exhibition Contemporary Crafts and Photography Invitational will open with an illustrated lecture at Hamilton College's Root Art Center.

The lecture will be presented by Donna Nicholas, professor of ceramics at Edinboro State College, Edinboro, Pa. A reception will follow. The exhibition will be on view through December 17.

The craftspeople represented are: Deborah Kaufman, who teaches fibers at the State University College of Arts and Science, Geneseo, New York; Donald Gauthier, assistant professor of art at Wichita State University, working in ceramics; Wayne Higby, associate professor of ceramics at New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred, New York; Rich Miler, who is well known for his blown glass work; John McQueen, whose works in basketry are represented in many famous museum collections and Donna Nicholas, of Edinboro State College.

As stated by Susan Lyman and Robert Palusky, both assistant professors of art at Hamilton College. In the foreword in the catalogue: "This contemporary view of crafts today accepts that work in traditional crafts media has gone beyond the purely functional and decorative to include artistic statements that stand alongside established art forms. The work in this exhibition reveals the continuing merger of the fine arts with the crafts."

All of the photographs in the exhibition were taken in Israel, the Sinai, and the West Bank. They were taken by five photographers who all completed their graduate work at Rhode Island School of Design. Quoting Alan Metnick, free lance designer, screen-printer and photographer, Providence, R.I., in the catalogue foreword: "The pictures are not ordinary snapshots, but personal responses, silver meditations if you like-on the land and the people. Although they visited Israel at different times over a period from 1969-1978, a common thread binds their work."



Photographers are: Murray Riss, associate professor and chairman, department of photography, The Memphis Academy of Fine Arts, Memphis, Tennessee; Susan Hacker, assistant professor of art, Webster College, St. Louis, Missouri; Walter Rabetz, chairman, department of art, The Loomis School, Windsor, Connecticut; Steven Liebman, assistant professor of art, Hamilton College; and Alan Metnick.

Music

Friday (December 1)
Coffee House Concert: Artist TBA, 9 p.m., McEwen.
Saturday (December 2)
Jamboree—Special K in Concert, 2 p.m. in Chapel.
Tuesday (December 5)
Student Recital: Vocal soloists will be Debbie Massell, Katherine Lloyd, and Laura Hausman: piano performance is by Ralph Stone, and the Brass Choir; 8:30 p.m. in Chapel.

Readings

Wednesday (December 6)
Fiction Reading: George P. Elliot, novelist, fiction writer, is a professor at U. of Syracuse; 8:30 p.m. in Red Pit.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday (December 7-9)
Group Poetry Reading: Advanced Writing Students, 8:30 p.m. in Red Pit.

Religion

Saturday (December 2)
Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin, 5:15 p.m. in List Recital Hall.
Sunday (December 3)
Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin, 8:30 a.m. in Chapel.
Hamilton College Chapel Service. The Reverend Jeffery Eaton, 11 a.m. in the Chapel.
Monday (December 4)
Christian Science Meeting, 5 p.m. in K-J Room 220.
Wednesday (December 6)
Bible Study, 9 p.m. at Alumni House.
Thursday (December 7)
Christian Fellowship Meeting, 8:30 p.m. in the Womb Room.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
Newman Mass. Father Paul Drobin, 12 noon in the Chapel.

the notes

Mike Stuttard

On November 28 a group of students sponsored by the Hamilton College Speech Department took a break from their usual rounds of academia by presenting a program of readings to the residents of the Martin Luther Home in Clinton.

Under the supervision of Richard Somer, assistant professor of speech, the group known as the Hamilton Readers gave a forty-five minute recital of works of well-known poets such as Longfellow, Masefield, Poe, Sandburg, Frost, as well as the more light-hearted fare of Ogden Nash and Phineas Thayer who composed the popular "Casey at the Bat."

The Readers in the program (entitled "The Word's Worth") included Seth Gelsthorpe, Robin Hackett, Matthew Reed, Christopher Hall, David Palmer, John Davis, Timopthy Reed, and Sean O'Haire.

WASHINGTON INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has an intern program in Washington for six months, starting July, 1979. Interns are assigned to *Foreign Policy* or to the Arms Control Association or to the Endowment. Applicants should have done work in international relations. **Deadline** is February 1, 1979. For further information see Career Center.

FOOD COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Food Services Committee on Tuesday, December 5, at 4 p.m. in McEwen Dining Hall.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS

The Clinton Child Care Center, located in Major dormitory, needs students to assist with the program on a volunteer basis. Interested students should contact Donna Hermann at 853-8938.

MINI "NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC" SERIES

The Clinton Junior High will present a series of two speakers in a mini "National Geographic" series. The first speaker, Dr. Theodore Walker, a marine biologist and oceanographer, will speak December 4th on "The Sea and Shore of Baja." Baja, Mexico, is a sun-drenched desert peninsula which shelters the California grey whale in its many lagoons. The second lecture will be presented by Dr. Norman Baker, a navigator who accompanied the reknown explorer, Thor Heyerdahl on his Ras expeditions. His talk will be presented Feb. 16.

A $3 admission fee covers the cost of both presentations, each of which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium. Proceeds will help finance morning sessions for Clinton students.

WINTER COMPUTER COURSES

The following non-credit courses will be offered by the computer center during the Winter Term:

COMPUTERS, LARGE AND SMALL— January 8th, 10th (4:00 p.m.) An introduction to the capabilities of the modern computer. Included will be a tour of the various computers currently on campus.

PROGRAMMING IN WATFIV— January 11, 15, 18, 22 (4:00 p.m.) An introduction to proramming in the WATFIV programming language. This four-meeting course assumes no previous knowledge of computing.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS USING SPSS— January 17, 23 (4:00 p.m.) An introduction to the *S*tatistical *P*ackage for the *S*ocial *S*ciences. This collection of computer programs has been designed to make it easy for those who want to do statistical analysis of data to use the power of a computer without having to write extensive programs. No previous computer experience is necessary.

All courses meet in the User Work Area of the Computer Center. Questions should be referred to Dave Smallen.

Seniors Go Back to College

by Rick Arnold

School bells will be ringing on College Hill next summer, as Hamilton College has been selected to participate in the Elderhostel academic program. For two separate weeks in July, the college will be offering three classes by day and a host of diversions by night, for men and women 60 years of age and over.

Elderhostel was founded in 1974 at the University of New Hampshire. From the start, Elderhostel has remained an independent, non-profit concern, whose goal is to provide an educational program for elderly people, especially those on a limited income. However, Elderhostel has swollen from a modest five colleges in New Hampshire that first year to over 120 schools in 20 states this year.

In standing by its goal, Elderhostel charges each participant $115 dollars for a week-long session. During each session, participants enjoy three specially designed liberal arts courses, offered on a non-credit basis. And with that, a dream to *all* students--- no homework and no exams.

As the name suggests, Elderhostel not only caters to senior citizens, but also imparts a flavor of travel to the participants. One is free to register in as many sessions as he wishes, conceivably traveling from school to school, week on end.

Between 10 and 13 colleges are participating in New York state this year. William Jamison, Hamilton's personnel director, explained that colleges are selected on the basis of potential program offerings as well as location of campus. Nearby Colgate will also be participating, and Jamison noted that such a close proximity is not a hindrance.

Offerings Not Known

"Hamilton and Colgate plan to alternate weeks, so that a person may, if he so desires, spend a week here, go to Colgate, return here again, and then return to Colgate," said Jamison, who added that Hamilton will offer different programs for each week.

But just what the courses will be is not known at this time. Jamison has solicited interested faculty members, and responses are only now finding way to his desk. Jamison will have an itinerary ready for the Elderhostel regional director by the December 15 deadline.

Asked why Hamilton has decided to take part in this program, Jamison replied that "it was a good-will thing to do," adding that the college expects only to break even in the venture.

"We also hope to spread the name of the college," he said.

Proctor & Gamble: More than Soap

Hamilton College has received a grant of $15,000 from the Proctor & Gamble Company, President J. Martin Carovano has announced.

The gift is the second received by Hamilton from Proctor & Gamble during the past year; in 1977 Hamilton College received a grant of $10,000.

The Proctor & Gamble Company, Carovano noted, gives money to selected colleges throughout the country. A portion of this year's gift to Hamilton will be distributed to its English, History, Economics, and Psychology Departments while the remainder will be applied toward general college purposes.

"The Proctor & Gamble Company has been extremely generous to Hamilton," said Carovano. "Its assistance has been especially beneficial to the college's academic and scholarship programs. We are most grateful for their continuing interest in this college and its students."

According to Carovano, the Proctor & Gamble funds from last year allowed Hamilton's English Department to acquire new tape playing equipment, to update its record collection by replacing worn and missing items, and to purchase additional high-quality tapes and tape machines.

The college's History Department benefited in a number of ways from last year's grants, too. It allowed Hamilton to bring several distinguished historians to campus for lecture purposes. Furthermore, the grant enabled the Department to acquire several series and historical reviews which were useful to students of American, New York State, European and Asian History. In addition, Hamilton acquired a film copy of the "Nuremburg Trials," a subject taught at the college as a Winter Term Course.

Those funds which were not specifically designated for departmental use have been applied to scholarship aid.

Amherst President Steps Down

John William Ward, Amherst College President, has decided to step down from the post he has held for eight years, the Spectator learned this week.

A trustee search committee has been organized to find a replacement for Ward, whose resignation is effective on June 30, 1979.

In a letter addressed to the entire Amherst College community Tuesday, the 55 year old president explained that at his age, and after fifteen years serving Amherst, now was the right time to seek a new professional opportunity. Ward also noted that the college would better benefit by having a president who was willing to oversee the college's capital drive through completion. This recently launched fund drive is expected to last a minimum of three years, according to the letter.

Board Changes Song

by Charles Duke

In a major reshuffling of the Concert Committee, Brian Meegan has stepped down as concert chairman, according to Brad Auerbach, chairman of the Program Board. Meegan has been replaced by Henry Sneath.

According to Sneath, he has reorganized the Committee so that members can alternate amongst themselves the duty of promotion, set-up, ticket sales and advertising.

Large concerts, however, are not proving to be profitable for the Committee. "We assume that we will lose money in these concerts but we are trying to minimize those losses. With Andrew Wertz, Director of the Bristol Campus Center and administrative advisor to the Program Board, the committee is slowly figuring out a budget to optimize the money available.

The Jesse Colin Young concert scheduled for December 3 has been cancelled. According to Auerbach, Young's concert manager pulled him out at the last minute because of a disappointment with East Coast ticket sales. Future concerts, however, might include a Ramones Beer and Band during the winter term.

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Forwards To Carry Conts Down Road to Victory

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The strength of this year's team is the front line. At center, Kevin Grimmer will start, but Bob Johnson will see a lot of playing time and Nat Hunter has been moved up from the J.V. squad.

At the forwards, the Blue will have Oliver and Southworth, who last year showed an excellent jumper and kept a lot of the pressure off Oliver in the middle as various defenses attempted to contain Oliver. Last year was Oliver's best at Hamilton. He played with a pulled hamstring and various other injuries, but still managed to lead the team in several departments. In reserve at the forward spots will be Tim Hale, a highly-touted freshman from Brockport, and Keith Whelan and Shy Jackson, both of whom were on the reserve team last year.

Last year's team had a tough schedule but according to Coach Tom Murphy, "this year's schedule is tougher because we play so many good teams on the road...and all the team Hamilton plays have improved."

The Conts open at St. John Fisher tonight. "This is not an ideal opener—they'll be up for this game and should be as good as they were last year," said Murphy. Last year only some last minute heroics saved Hamilton's home court winning streak in a tough game.

Murphy expects this year's team to improve with experience. He praised the team's preparation, saying that "this year's captains, Oliver, Southworth, and Magee, have really led the team to a good mental attitude."

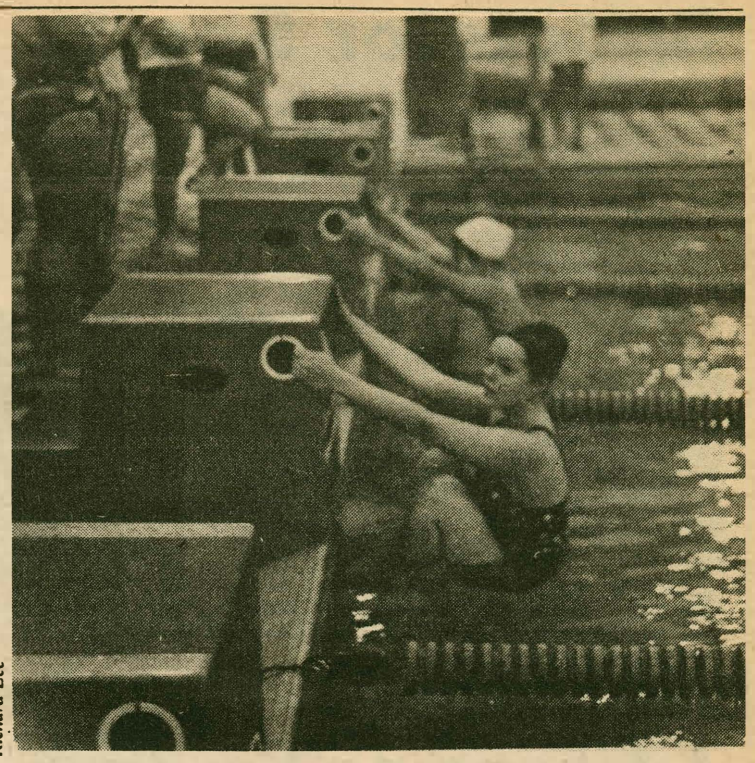
Hamilton received national recognition in the most recent issue of *Sports Illustrated*, and this could result in a lot of teams giving the Continentals everything they can. In the first few weeks, Hamilton will face some excellent teams. In the Hamilton Tip-off Tournament on December 8-9, Hamilton faces Plattsburgh in the opener, and will meet a rejuvenated Utica College squad, which contains six junior college transfers, or Drew University (15-10 last year) in the second game.

Good Teams Ahead

The Utica-Hamilton Christmas Tournament on December 21 and 22 will bring two fine Division II teams to the area. Hartwick was 22-4 last year and was led by all-ECAC Dana Gahnes, who averaged 17.6 points a game last year, and 6'7" Donald McAllister. New York Tech "may be tne best Division II team in the country," according to Murphy. Tech is led by 6'7" Kelvin Hicks, last year's ECAC Rookie of the Year and Larry McCarden.

This year's team is not as deep as Blue teams of the past three years, and Hamilton may be in trouble if its first five gets into foul trouble. Most have the reserves have not had a lot of playing time. How Murphy plans to cope with that lack of depth will be seen in the first few games.

After the opener against St. John Fisher, the Continentals travel to Roberts Wesleyan next Wednesday. The fieldhouse will see its first men's action at the Tip-off tournament.



Richard Lee

Women Swimmers at Ebb Tide

by Nancy Sackett

The women's varsity swim team, winner of its first meet at Wells on November 16, is shaping up nicely in the eyes of Coach Eric MacDonald. MacDonald said that he will be satisfied with a .500 season, pointing out that although there is little chance of beating Colgate or St. Lawrence, the other four teams on the schedule, R.P.I., Williams, Smith, and Eisenhower, are all possible wins.

One big disappointment, however, has put a damper on the season. According to the New York State Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NYSAIAW) eligibility and ethic committee rules, the Hamilton women will not be able to compete as a team at the State meet. Team dues were to be paid on May 15, when Hamilton and Kirkland were two separate schools.

Freshman Cathy Imboden has already qualified for the state championships and MacDonald is confident that his diver and relay team will also qualify. He plans to appeal to the NYSAIAW board for special consideration to allow the team to compete, but in the past the board has proved to be unyielding, turning down all similar requests. This ruling will affect the team's participation in national competition as well.

Pointing for February

In most schools, women's swimming is a fall sport with the state championships in February. Swimmers work toward a peak in performance rather than trying to maintain one level of playing ability throughout the season. Because of this, MacDonald chose to have the women compete in the winter to prepare them for the state meet.

The women practice five or six days a week, though having only one pool makes things difficult according to MacDonald, since the men's team also practices daily. MacDonald is disappointed that some of the school's better swimmers did not come out for the team, but is happier with a dedicated team.

Because some of the women have not competed in two or three years, and others never, the competition is pretty fierce this year. MacDonald hopes to schedule an additional two meets for next season. The women's next meet is on December 5 at R.P.I. followed by a meet against Colgate and William Smith at Colgate on December 7.

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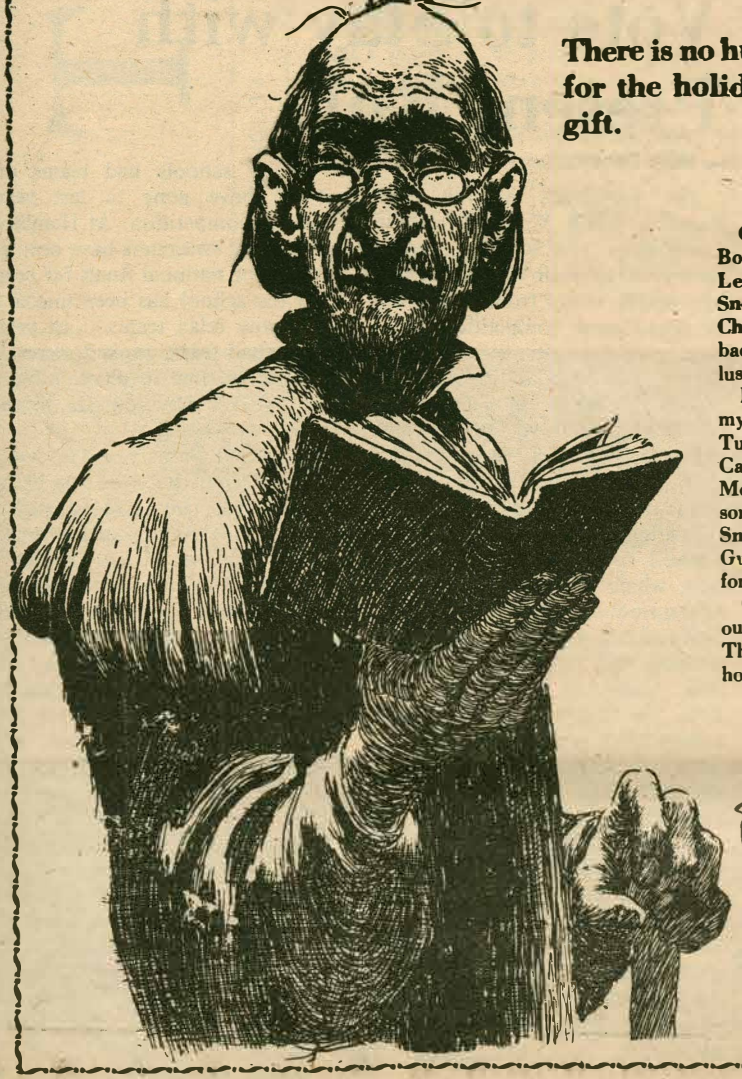

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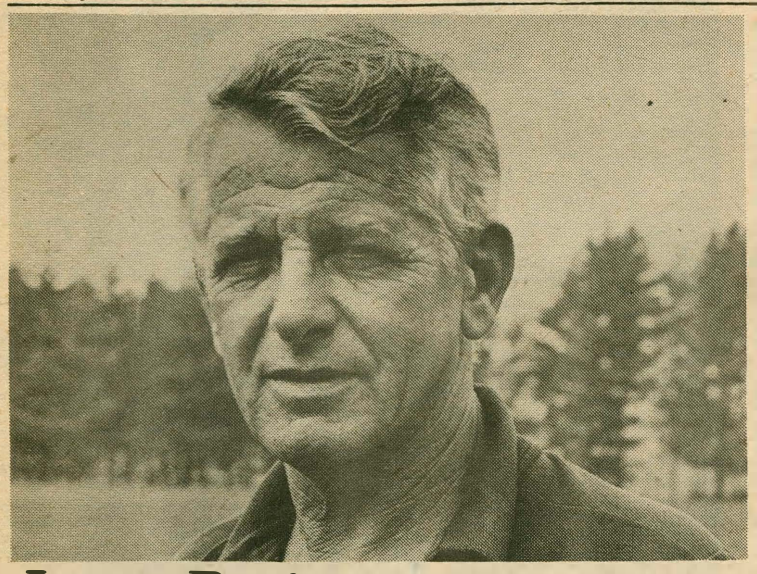

Jones Resigns

A Changing Program

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John W. Chandler, and Robert King became acting head football coach for two seasons. His 1973 and 1974 teams were both 0-8, and he was "dismissed" in the fall, according to a December 6, 1974 Spectator article.

Back in Town

Jones was back at the helm in 1975 when the Continentals snapped their 22 game losing streak with a 15-8 win over Bates in the second game of the season. Hamilton was 4-4 in both 1975 and 1976, but last year the team dropped six contests and won only two. This year's squad have a record of 1-7.

According to Long, "coaching football at Hamilton is one of the most difficult, frequently thankless coaching positions available." This year, Jones had one of his smallest teams ever, numbering only 36 players at the end of the year. Only nine freshmen tried out for the squad this fall.

"Don had an extremely difficult role—he had to solicit a hard-nosed student athlete who could rise to the academic challenge and was still willing to commit himself to football with the same vigor," said Long.

Jones decided to resign "about a year ago," according to Gulick, but announced the resignation only last Tuesday. "It was not a surprise to me," said Gulick, "since we had had several discussions about the subject throughout the year."

The search for a new coach will be similar to the search for any faculty member, Gulick statd. Applications for the job are due on December 15, and Gulick said that he already has "a basketfull of them." He does not know when the vacancy will be filled, saying that "we will look until we find someone who is good for Hamilton football."

Among the present coaching staff, Instructor of Physical Education and Assistant Coach Joseph Kacevich and defensive coordinator Ben Rizzo have both expressed an interest in the head coaching job, Gulick said. Hamilton will be looking form someone who will participate fully in the whole athletic program and probably coach another sport as well.

Blue Hoopsters Begin Anew; Will Success Breed Success?

by Tom Button

In the past three years, Hamilton's basketball program has been called a powerhouse by many and certainly has earned this recognition. The team compiled a 60-12 overall record in this period and were ranked second in the nation last year in Division III. At one point, the Continentals had a 21-game winning streak, the longest in the nation.

This year the team is returning three starters up front: Kevin Grimmer, Bill Southworth, and Cedric Oliver who last year earned Division III M.V.P. and averaged 23.4 points a game. The biggest problem Hamilton will have this year will be in the backcourt where the Conts lost Bob Malaby, Willie Jackson, and John Klauberg, whose offensive exploits amazed every team Hamilton played.

The job of filling in for the All-American Klauberg will fall on several individuals. The Conts will rely on Oliver and Southworth to pick up some of the outside shooting to keep opponents from using a zone defense to contain Hamilton's front line.

Bob Johnson appeared in a backup role last season in the front line, substituting occasionally for Grimmer and Southworth. Grimmer improved tremendously during the regular season and had a couple of excellent games against Utica College. He is an aggressive player and when he goes to the boards he can give Hamilton an important edge.

Defensively, Hamilton's guards should more than hold their own. This year John Magee and Mike Burkhard or Bruce Weir will start at the guard spots. Magee had some playing time last year and is deceptively quick as several opposing guards discovered last year. Magee will also probably be counted on to bring the ball up the court for the Conts and handle the point. The reserves will be Mark Griffen, who played well for the J.V. last year showing a good touch, and transfer Pete Masci. Frank Garcia will back up Magee at the point guard; although a freshman, Garcia should see a lot of playing time this year.

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Hamilton Swimmers Open Season Tomorrow vs. Cortland at Home

by Phil Robinson

"Potentially this is the best team we've ever had," commented swim coach Eric MacDonald, whose Hamilton mermen open the season at 2 p.m. tomorrow at home against Cortland.

Amongst the 13 returning lettermen from last year's 8-2 squad are three 1977-78 All-Americans: co-captain Matt Reed (50, 100 freestyle); and sophomores Craig Lasher (100, 200 back), and Norm Lyster (1650 free) who between them hold six individual school records and two conference marks.

"On paper," adds MacDonald, who enters what he hopes will be his 'lucky' 13th year with a 101-19 career record as swim coach at Hamilton, "there are no real weaknesses."

Record Relays

Hamilton's strength should center around the relay events, including the 400 freestyle team of Reed, Clipper Besch, Steve Aldolfi, and Emmet Reid who are all back from last year and out to break their conference mark of 3:14.3 set at the New York State meet at Colgate in the spring.

Also returning is the entire 800 freestyle relay team of Reid, Hugh Vickery, Reed, and Lyster who hold the school record for the event at 7:14.

Freshmen Bob Black (breast, IM), Adam Cowles (back, IM), Rob Galbraith (fly, IM), Ed Ptak (diving) will all be relied on heavily this season according to MacDonald who emphasized the importance of the four to "come up with good performances."

MacDonald expressed some concern over the practice schedule which has had to be cut in order to accomodate both the men's and women's teams. "We're under a real restriction with the present facilities," commented MacDonald, "We've got 35 people trying to use a four-lane pool."

So instead of one two-hour team practice, MacDonald has had to revert to two 1½-hour split workouts with swimmers having the option of attending either session.

Working Harder

"It works to our advantage in the sense that with a shorter amount of time everyone has to work harder, but our practice time has still been cut by 25 percent. We'll have to see what effect this has on our times in our first couple of meets and if necessary we'll rectify the problem in January," he said.

MacDonald was very impressed by the performances turned in at the annual Buff 'n' Blue intrasquad meet, noting that the times were much better than those recorded in the previous year.

Looking at the '78-'79 schedule, the Hamilton coach pointed out that both dual meets losses (Colgate and Williams) last year were away. This year, both teams must travel to Hamilton.

Tomorrow's meet should give Hamilton a true indication of its potential. Cortland lost by only two points to the Continentals last year.

MacDonald points to diving as a key event for the Blue mermen tomorrow. Last year, Cortland won the diving competition by a whopping 16-1 margin, forcing Hamilton to do extremely well in the swimming events to pull off a 57-55 victory.

Hope for Hoop Comes From Hard Work

by Jim Morris

Hamilton College will experience another first this winter as women's basketball comes to the Hill. Under the direction of Coach Sue Zawacki the 15 women squad will undertake a twelve game schedule. The season opener was played last evening at home against Albany.

Zawacki stated that a "range of talent" exists on the team that extends from those who played organized basketball as recently as last year to women who never played high school basketball. While inexperience may prove to be a problem for Hamilton, Zawacki is confident that the players' dedication will enable them to overcome this handicap. She has been impressed with "the women's attitude and their willingness to work toward team goals," and she is optimistic about their capacity for development over the course of the season.

Defense appears to be the women's strong point right now. Coach Zawacki will employ a zone defense and she is hopeful that it will keep opponents in check while giving the Hamilton offense time to mature. The Blue will go with a 1-3-1 offense that should be effective once the centers become familiar with the post position.

Zawacki has "a real positive feeling about the future of women's basketball here," and she seems to be perfect for introducing and developing such a program at Hamilton. She has emphasized fundamentals in the early going and done a great deal of teaching, "which I've enjoyed," she said. Zawacki will often be looking to the bench for help as she likes to play "as many people as possible."

The women look forward to your support during the season. Their next game will be played tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Clarkson, and they will meet Utica College in another away game on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Brooke Sessions

NESCAC Presidents Vote to Stay with Present Rule

by Mike Denney

The presidents of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) schools have voted to retain the present rule prohibiting teams from competing in post-season competition more than seven days after the end of the season, according to President J. Martin Carovano. At a meeting at Middlebury on November 15, eight of the ten presidents (two were absent) voted unanimously in support of the policy, he said.

In addition to restricting the time allowed for post-season competition, which rules out any NCAA tournaments, NESCAC also distinguishes between team competition and individual participation. According to Carovano, the latter are allowed to attend later tournaments as result of pragmatic reasons. "There's no way to prevent individuals from competing," he said.

The post-season regulations have drawn fire in recent years from a number of schools, as most have coaches and players who would like to see the rule changed. A meeting at Williams before the NESCAC meeting brought out a large crowd of supporters for post-season competition.

Many schools had teams that could have gone to last year's NCAA competition. At Hamilton, individual swimmers have been going to the national finals for years, but the school has been unable to send any relay teams. Last year's basketball team, ranked second in the nation, had to refuse a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Bowdoin last year fielded a hockey team that won the ECAC tournament, but had to stay at home while runner-up Merrimack easily won the NCAA Division II playoffs. The Tufts basketball team also qualified for an NCAA berth.

Last spring, the athletic directors of the NESCAC schools met and asked the presidents to discuss the rule at their meeting this fall. Carovano said that the rule as it stands represents "a true compromise," pointing out that there are some presidents who are opposed to all post-season competition and some who would like to see such competition extended. Carovano said that he believed that it was "in Hamilton's interest to support the present policy," and added that he did not think that this was the time to change the rule.